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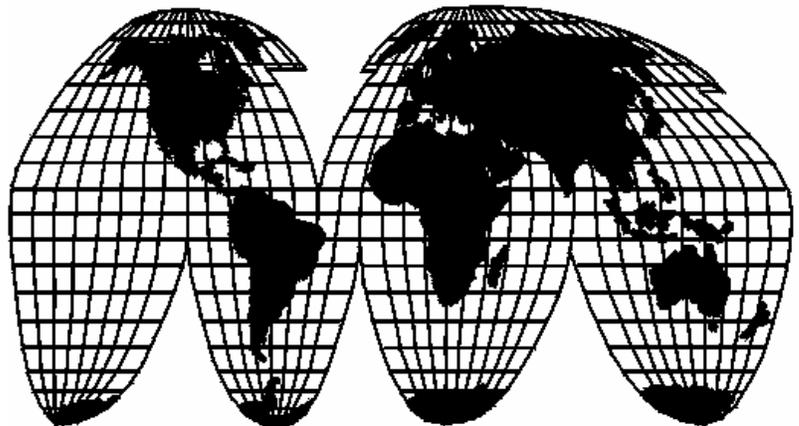
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DEFINITIONS

VOLTS

Operating voltage.

MOTOR HORSEPOWER

Horsepower of the motor.

MOTOR FLC

Full-load current of the motor.

FLC X 125%

Motor full-load current x 125% to determine required cable size and overload protection. (Some manufacturers have the 125% already calculated into their heater charts).

CABLE SIZES

Power cables are rated at different temperatures. Normally the mining industry uses 75 and 90 degree insulation ratings. Underground mining cables listed have been calculated for the underground ambient temperature factors. The surface charts utilize the standardization of the National Electrical Code for jacketed-cables or enclosed in conduit.

CIRCUIT BREAKER AND FUSE SIZE

Standard Listings 15-20-25-30-35-40-45-50-60-70-80-90-100-110-125-150-175-200-225-250-300 350-400-450-500-600-700-800-1000-1200-1600-2000-2500-3000-4000-5000 and 6000.

FULL-LOAD CURRENT X 250%

Motor full-load current X 250% to determine low setting for short circuit protection if thermal circuit breaker or fuses are used.

FULL-LOAD CURRENT X 400%

Motor full-load current X 400% to determine maximum allowable short circuit protection if thermal circuit breaker or fuses are used.

FULL-LOAD CURRENT x 700%

To determine low setting for short circuit protection using a magnetic CB.

FULL-LOAD CURRENT X 1300%

To determine short circuit protection using a magnetic circuit breaker, try to start at 700% of motor full-load current. If motor will not start, keep increasing but do not exceed 1300% of motor full-load current.

BREAKER TRIP RANGE

The variable adjustable short circuit protection of a circuit breaker.

TRIP RANGE SET ON

From 700% to 1300% of motor full-load current (For a magnetic CB).

HEATER SIZE

No greater than 125% of motor full load current.

HEATER AMPS

Set point of heaters which will open the circuit.

CT RATIO

Current transformer used in conjunction with thermal overloads to provide motor overload protection.

STARTER SIZE

Minimum size starter.

SINGLE MOTOR EXAMPLE

<p>(SURFACE) This example utilizes a thermal circuit breaker or fuses although a thermal magnetic circuit breaker is acceptable.</p> <p>(UNDERGROUND) This example utilizes a magnetic circuit breaker.</p>	S U R F A C E	U N D E R G R O U N D	THERMAL BK OR FUSE SIZE		90	
			FLC X 250% = 85 amps (a standard size 90 amp thermal CB or fuse is acceptable).			
			FLC X 700%			238
			FLC X 700% = 238 amps is low setting for short circuit protection (magnetic CB).			
			FLC X 1300%			442
			FLC X 1300% = 442 amps is maximum setting for short circuit protection (magnetic CB).			
VOLTS	460	460	BREAKER TRIP RANGE			150
Operating voltage.						480
HORSEPOWER	25	25	Magnetic CB with adjustable trip range between 150 to 480 amps.			
Rated motor horsepower.			TRIP RANGE SETTING			250
MOTOR FLC	34	34	CB with 150 to 480 trip range and 13 settings set on No.4 (250 amps) would be acceptable.			
Motor full-load current.			CT RATIO			
FLC X 125%	43	43	Normally not used in motors below 100 HP.			
Motor full-load current X 125% = 43 amps.			HEATER SIZE		FH56	FH56
CABLE SIZE	8	8	FH 56 rated for 41.5 amps. Rating not to exceed 125% of motor FLC.			
No. 8 AWG copper rated for 50 amps surface or No.8 copper rated for 70 amps underground.			HEATER AMPS		41.5	41.5
CABLE AMPACITY	50	70	FH 56 will open circuit if amperage reaches 41.5 amps.			
No. 8 copper rated for 50 amps surface and 70 amps underground.			STARTER SIZE		2	2
FLC X 250%	85		Minimum size starter.			
FLC 34 amps X 250% = 85 amps low setting for short circuit protection (thermal circuit breaker or fuses).						
FLC X 400 %	136					
FLC 34 amps X 400% = 136 amps Maximum setting for short circuit protection (thermal circuit breaker or fuses).						

MULTI-MOTOR EXAMPLE			
VOLTS		460	
System operating voltage.			
MOTOR FLC		180	
Motor full-load current.			
FLC X 125%		225	
Motor FLC x 125% = 225 amps.			
FLC + (FLC X 125%)		405	
To determine required size feeder conductor in a multi-motor installation. The largest HP FLC X 125% + FLC of other motors connected to the feeder circuit. EXAMPLE: Installation Contains two (2) 460 volt, 150 HP, 180 amp motors. Multiply (180 amps by 125% = 225 amps + 180 amps = 405 amps).			
FEEDER SIZE		600	
A 600 MCM copper cable would be the minimum size for surface installation. If this Circuit were to be installed underground, referring to the underground cable ampacity chart 0-2K volts, a 300 MCM 90 degree cable rated at 421 Amps would be acceptable.			
FEEDER AMPACITY		420	
Rated ampacity of cable from power Source to beginning of branch circuits.			
TRIP RANGE		15-3	
Thermal magnetic CB with adjustable trip range. Low setting 1500 high 3000 amps.			
TRIP RANGE SETTING		1500	
150 HP 180 amps 180 X 700% = 1260, set trip range on low (1500 amps).			
FUSE & THERMAL CB SZ		450	
Fuse or (thermal CB only) for short circuit protection of feeder cable, try to start at 250%. If motors will not start, increase up to 400% max.			
MOTOR HORSEPOWER	150		150
Rated motor horsepower.			
MOTOR FLC	180		180
Motor full-load current.			
FLC X 125%	225		225
Motor FLC 180 X 125% = 225 amps.			
BRANCH CIR CABLE SIZE	4/0		4/0
Minimum size cable for motors receiving power from feeder circuit 125% of motor FLC.			
BR. CIR CABLE AMPAC.	230		230
Rated ampacity of branch circuit cable.			
FLC X 250%	450		450
FLC 180 X 250% = 450, low setting for short Circuit protection (fuses or thermal CB).			
FLC X 400%	720		720
FLC 180 X 400% = 720, maximum setting for short circuit protection (fuses or thermal CB).			
FLC X 700%	1260		1260
FLC of motor X 700% low setting for magnetic CB.			
FLC X 1300%	2340		2340
FLC of motor X 1300% maximum setting for magnetic CB.			
CT RATIO	300/5		300/5
A 300/5 CT=60/1 (300 divided by 5 = 60/1) A motor operating at 60 amps, the secondary output would be 1 amp.			
HEATER SIZE	FH 30		FH 30
Multiply CT ratio (60/1) by FH-30 (3.73 amps) = 224 amps. This is 1 amp under 225 amp max.			
HEATER AMPS	3.73		3.73
Rated amperage for heater strips will open Circuit if overload condition occurs.			
STARTER SIZE	5		5
Minimum size starter.			

CT RATIO HEATER SIZE FOR MOTOR PROTECTION

460V	100 HP	125 HP	150 HP	200 HP	250 HP
FLC X 125%	155	195	225	300	378
100/5 = 20/1	FH-37	FH-40	FH-41	FH-45	FH-47
150/5 = 30/1	FH-33	FH-36	FH-37	FH-40	FH-43
200/5 = 40/1	FH-30	FH-33	FH-34	FH-37	FH-40
250/5 = 50/1	FH-27	FH-30	FH-32	FH-35	FH-37
300/5 = 60/1	FH-26	FH-28	FH-30	FH-33	FH-35
350/5 = 70/1	FH-24	FH-26	FH-28	FH-31	FH-34
400/5 = 80/1	FH-22	FH-25	FH-26	FH-30	FH-32
450/5 = 90/1	FH-21	FH-24	FH-25	FH-28	FH-31
500/5 = 100/1	FH-20	FH-23	FH-24	FH-27	FH-30
600/5 = 120/1	FH-18	FH-21	FH-22	FH-25	FH-28

Normally motors over 100 horsepower use current transformers (CT) to provide overload protection.

Overload protection shall not be greater than 125% of the motor rated full-load current.

EXAMPLE: A 300/5 CT=60/1 (300 divided by 5=60). If a motor is operating at 60 amps, the secondary amperage of the CT would be 1 amp.

The chart above has been calculated to determine the maximum overload heater size for proper overload protection not to exceed 125% of motor full-load operating current.

EXAMPLE: A 150 horsepower, 460 volt motor operates at 180 amps full-load current. 180 amps X 125% = 225 amps. Overload protection shall not exceed 225 amps.

The heater size FH-30 is rated for 3.73 amps. Multiply CT ratio (60/1) by FH-30 (3.73 amps) = 224 amps. This is one amp under the 225 amp maximum.

If FH series heaters are not used, this chart can be used to cross reference amperage rating of other heaters.

H P 4 6 0	F L C	1 2 5 %	2 5 0 %	4 0 0 %	7 0 0 %	1 3 0 0 %	H T S Z	S T S Z
0.5	1.1	1.3	2.75	4.4	7.7	14.3	FH 18	0
0.75	1.6	2	4	6.4	11.2	21	FH 23	0
1	2.1	2.6	5.25	8.4	14.7	27	FH 26	0
1.5	3	3.75	7.5	12	21	39	FH 30	0
2	3.4	4.25	8.5	13.6	23.8	44	FH 31	0
3	4.8	6	12	19.2	33.6	62	FH 35	0
5	7.6	9.5	19	30.4	53.2	99	FH 40	0
7.5	11	14	27.5	44	77	143	FH 44	1
10	14	17.5	35	56	98	182	FH 47	1
15	21	26.3	52.5	84	147	273	FH 50	2
20	27	34	67.5	108	189	351	FH 53	2
25	34	43	85	136	238	442	FH 56	2
30	40	50	100	160	280	520	FH 81	3
40	52	65	130	208	364	676	FH 83	3
50	65	81	163	260	455	845	FH 86	3
60	77	96	193	308	539	1001	FH 88	4
75	96	120	240	384	672	1248	FH 90	4
100	124	155	310	496	868	1612	FH 93	4
125	156	195	390	624	1092	2028		5
150	180	225	450	720	1260	2340		5
200	240	300	600	960	1680	3120		5
250	302	378	755	1208	2114	3926		6
300	361	451	902	1444	2527	4693		6
350	414	517	1035	1656	2898	5382		6
400	477	596	1192	1908	3339	6201		6
450	515	644	1287	2060	3605	6695		7
500	590	738	1475	2360	4130	7670		7

H P 5 7 5	F L C	1 2 5 %	2 5 0 %	4 0 0 %	7 0 0 %	1 3 0 0 %	H T S Z	S T S Z
0.5	0.9	1.2	2.25	3.6	6.3	11.7	FH17	0
0.75	1.3	1.62	3.25	5.2	9.1	16.9	FH 21	0
1	1.7	2.12	4.25	6.8	11.9	22.1	FH 23	0
1.5	2.4	3	6	9.6	16.8	31.2	FH 27	0
2	2.7	3.3	6.7	10.8	18.9	35.1	FH 28	0
3	3.9	4.8	9.75	15.6	27.3	50.7	FH 32	0
5	6.1	7.6	15	24.4	42.7	79.3	FH 37	0
7.5	9	11.2	22.5	36	63	117	FH 41	1
10	11	13.75	27.5	44	77	143	FH 44	1
15	17	21.25	42	68	119	221	FH 48	2
20	22	27.5	55	88	154	286	FH 51	2
25	27	33.7	67	108	189	351	FH 53	2
30	32	40	80	128	224	416	FH 78	3
40	41	51	102	164	287	533	FH 79	3
50	52	65	130	208	364	676	FH 83	3
60	62	77	155	248	434	806	FH 85	4
75	77	96	192	308	539	1001	FH 88	4
100	99	124	247	396	693	1287	FH 91	4
125	125	156	312	500	875	1625		5
150	144	180	360	576	1008	1872		5
200	192	240	480	768	1344	2496		5
250	242	302	605	968	1694	3146		6
300	289	361	722	1156	2023	3756		6
350	336	420	840	1344	2352	4368		6
400	382	477	955	1528	2674	4966		6
450	412	515	1030	1648	2884	5356		7
500	472	590	1180	1888	3304	6136		7

HEATER SIZE					
FH-3	0.27	FH-26	2.58	FH-49	21.7
FH-4	0.31	FH-27	2.83	FH-50	23.9
FH-5	0.34	FH-28	3.11	FH-51	26.2
FH-6	0.38	FH-29	3.42	FH-52	28.7
FH-7	0.42	FH-30	3.73	FH-53	31.4
FH-8	0.46	FH-31	4.07	FH-54	34.5
FH-9	0.5	FH-32	4.39	FH-55	37.9
FH-10	0.55	FH-33	4.87	FH-56	41.5
FH-11	0.62	FH-34	5.3	FH-78	37.5
FH-12	0.68	FH-35	5.9	FH-79	41.5
FH-13	0.75	FH-36	6.4	FH-80	46.3
FH-14	0.83	FH-37	7.1	FH-81	50
FH-15	0.91	FH-38	7.8	FH-82	55
FH-16	1	FH-39	8.5	FH-83	61
FH-17	1.11	FH-40	9.4	FH-84	66
FH-18	1.22	FH-41	10.3	FH-85	73
FH-19	1.34	FH-42	11.3	FH-86	78
FH-20	1.47	FH-43	12.4	FH-87	84
FH-21	1.62	FH-44	13.5	FH-88	92
FH-22	1.78	FH-45	14.9	FH-89	101
FH-23	1.95	FH-46	16.3	FH-90	110
FH-24	2.15	FH-47	18	FH-91	122
FH-25	2.35	FH-48	19.8	FH-92	129
			FH-93		133

CT RATIO HEATER SIZE FOR MOTOR PROT.					
460 V	100HP	125HP	150HP	200HP	250HP
FLC X 125%	155	195	225	300	378
100/5=20/1	FH-37	FH-40	FH-41	FH-45	FH-47
150/5=30/1	FH-33	FH-36	FH-37	FH-40	FH-43
200/5=40/1	FH-30	FH-33	FH-34	FH-37	FH-40
250/5=50/1	FH-27	FH-30	FH-32	FH-35	FH-37
300/5=60/1	FH-26	FH-28	FH-30	FH-33	FH-35
350/5=70/1	FH-24	FH-26	FH-28	FH-31	FH-34
400/5=80/1	FH-22	FH-25	FH-26	FH-30	FH-32
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600/5=120/1	FH-18	FH-21	FH-22	FH-25	FH-28
CT RATIO HEATER SIZE FOR MOTOR PROT.					
575 V	100HP	125HP	150HP	200HP	250HP
FLC X 125%	124	156	180	240	302
100/5=20/1	FH-35	FH-38	FH-39	FH-42	FH-45
150/5=30/1	FH-31	FH-33	FH-35	FH-38	FH-40
200/5=40/1	FH-27	FH-30	FH-32	FH-35	FH-37
250/5=50/1	FH-25	FH-28	FH-29	FH-32	FH-35
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600/5=120/1	FH-16	FH-18	FH-20	FH-23	FH-25
STANDARD FUSE AND THERMAL BREAKER SZ					
15	50	125	350	1000	5000
20	60	150	400	1200	6000
25	70	175	450	1600	
30	80	200	500	2000	
35	90	225	600	2500	
40	100	250	700	3000	
45	110	300	800	4000	

LOCATION		
VOLTS		
HORSEPOWER		
MOTOR FLC		
FLC X 125%		
CABLE SIZE		
CABLE AMPACITY		
FLC X 250 %		
FLC X 400 %		
THERM. BKR OR FUSE SZ		
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FLC X 1300 %		
BKR TRIP RANGE		
TRIP RANGE SETTING		
CT RATIO		
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MOTOR FLC X 125%			
FLC + (FLC X 125%)			
FEEDER SIZE			
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